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AS SEEN ON:



CARTOON NETWORK.

**CAPTAIN ATOM
WANTS YOU**
TO SOLVE A MYSTERY!



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...WHEN YOUR MISSION RELIES ON *SUBTERFUGE*, RESIST THE URGE TO GO ON THE *OFFENSIVE*...



DICK GRAYSON,
A.K.A.
ROBIN.

...LAST THING YOU WANT IS TO *RISK* EXPOSING YOURSELF AND THE *TEAM*...



WALLY WEST,
A.K.A.
KID FLASH.

...BECAUSE A *COVERT* OPERATION MEANS KEEPING TO THE *SHADOWS*...



ARTEMIS CROCK,
A.K.A.
ARTEMIS.

...CONCEALING YOUR IDENTITIES, INFILTRATING YOUR TARGETS...



KALDUR'AHM,
A.K.A.
AQUAMAN.

...AND THAT MEANS ADVANCE *RESEARCH*, *STUDY*, AND LONG HOURS ON *STAKEOUT*...



M'GANN M'ORZZ,
A.K.A. MISS
MARTIAN.

...AND, OF COURSE, YOU MUST ALWAYS REMAIN *ALERT*--

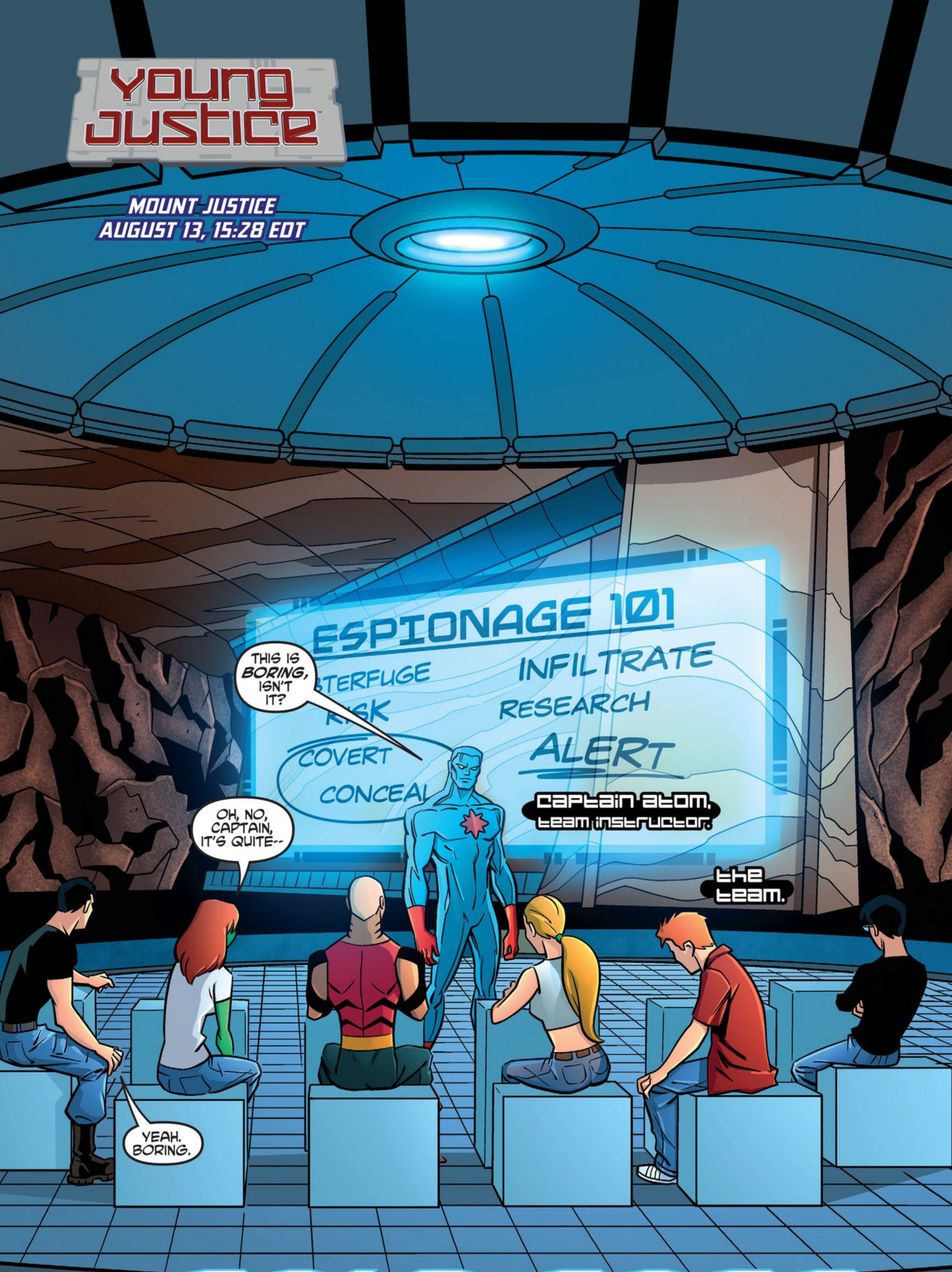


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SUPERBOY.

YOUNG JUSTICE

MOUNT JUSTICE
AUGUST 13, 15:28 EDT



THIS IS
BORING,
ISN'T
IT?

OH, NO,
CAPTAIN,
IT'S QUITE--

YEAH.
BORING.

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INTERFLUGE
RISK

INFILTRATE
RESEARCH

COVERT
CONCEAL

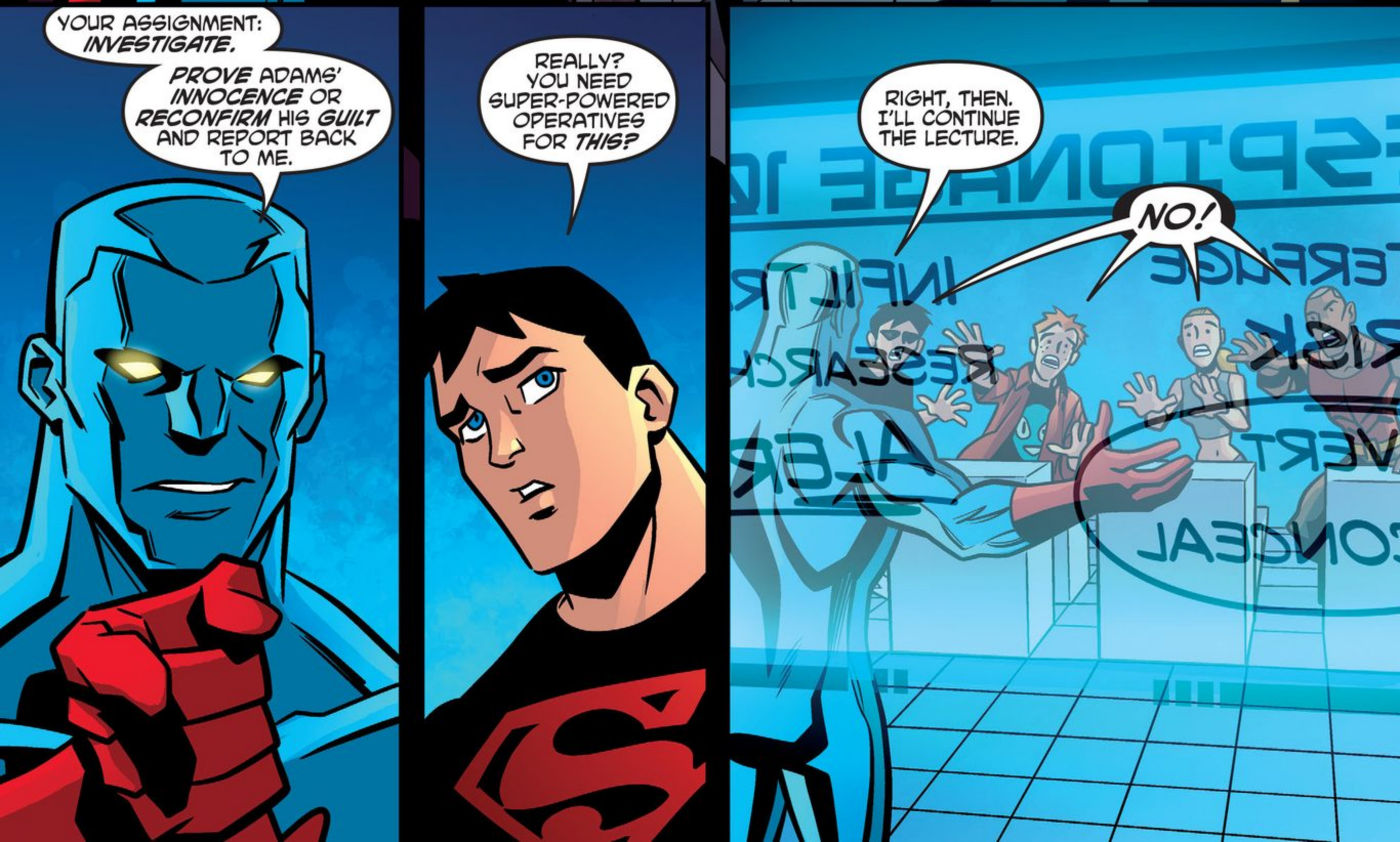
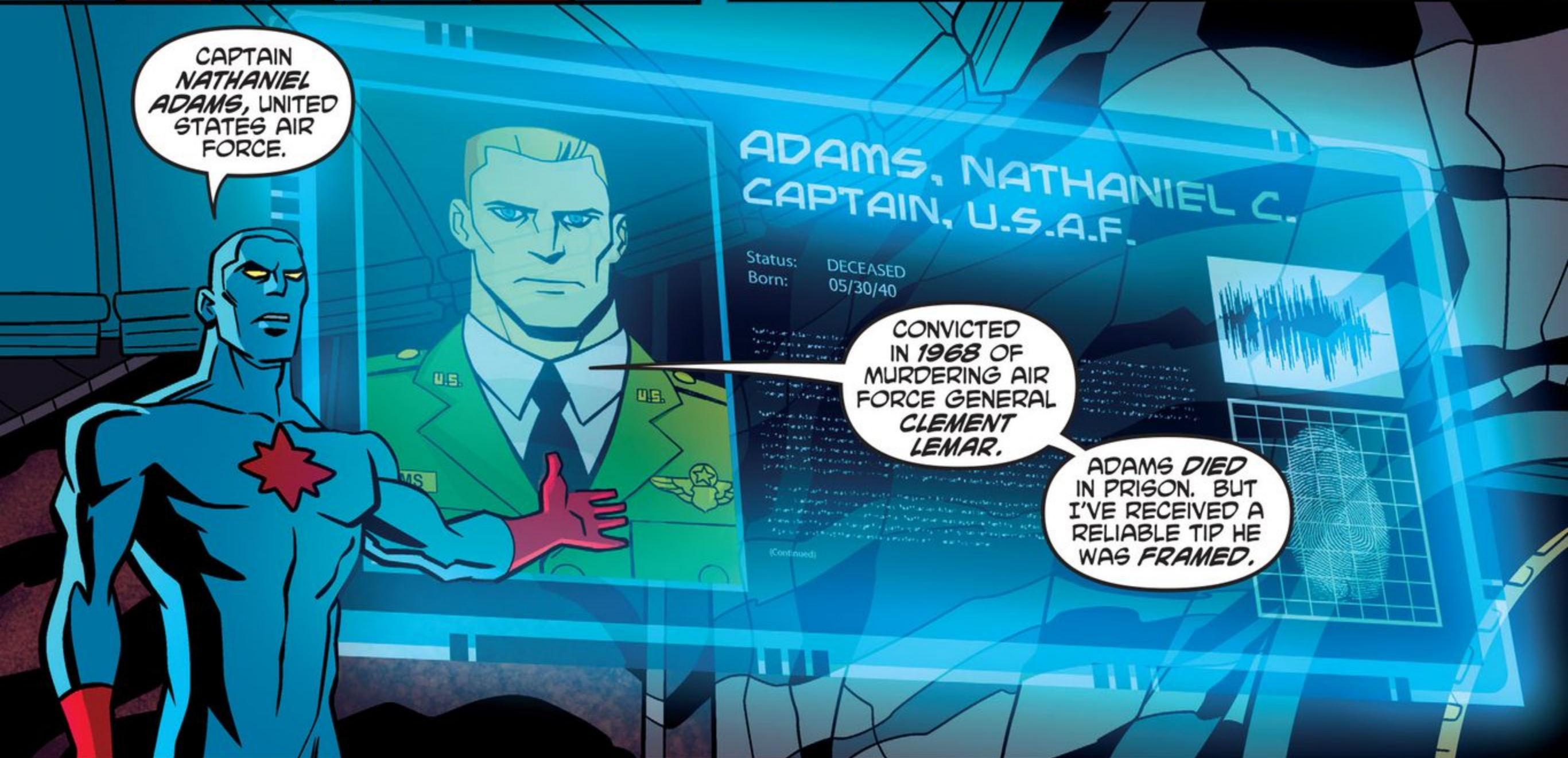
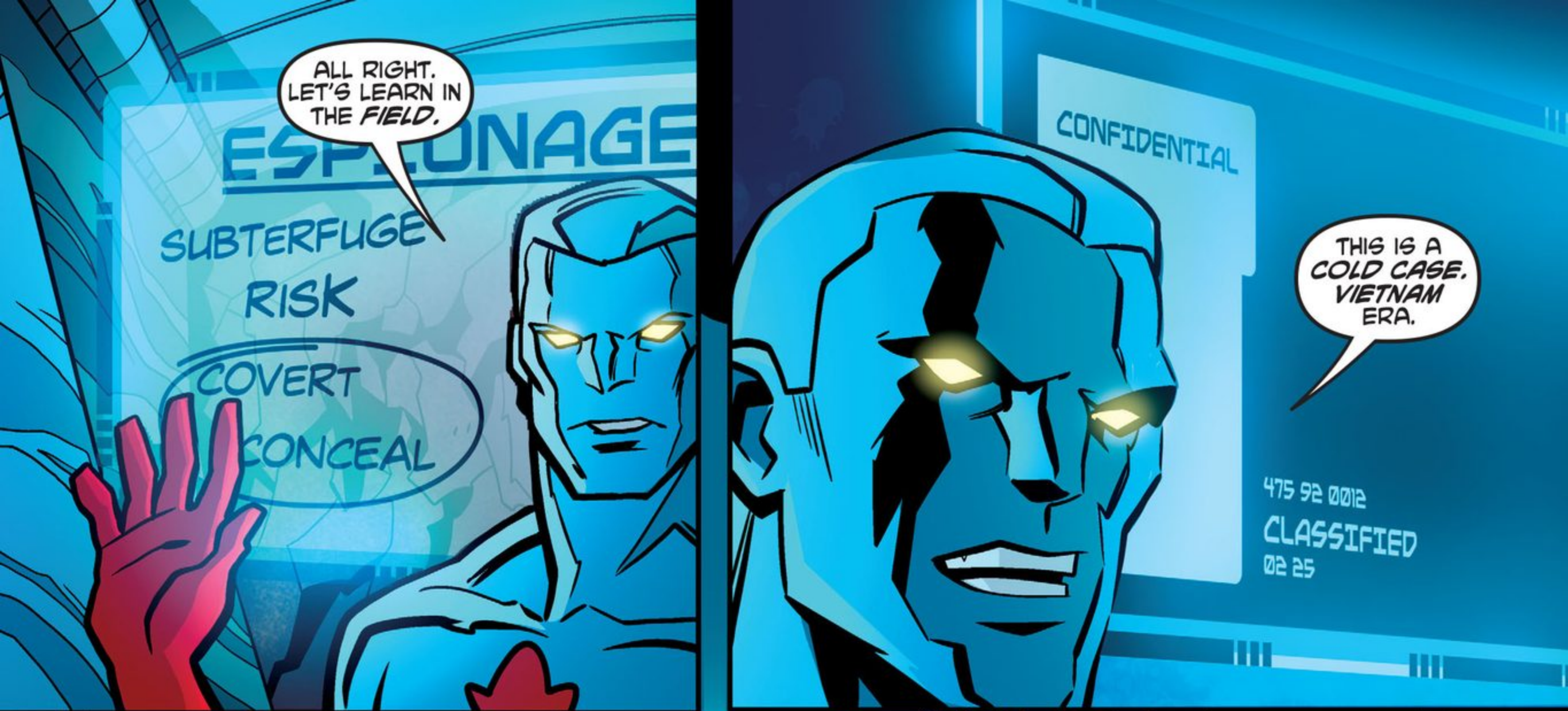
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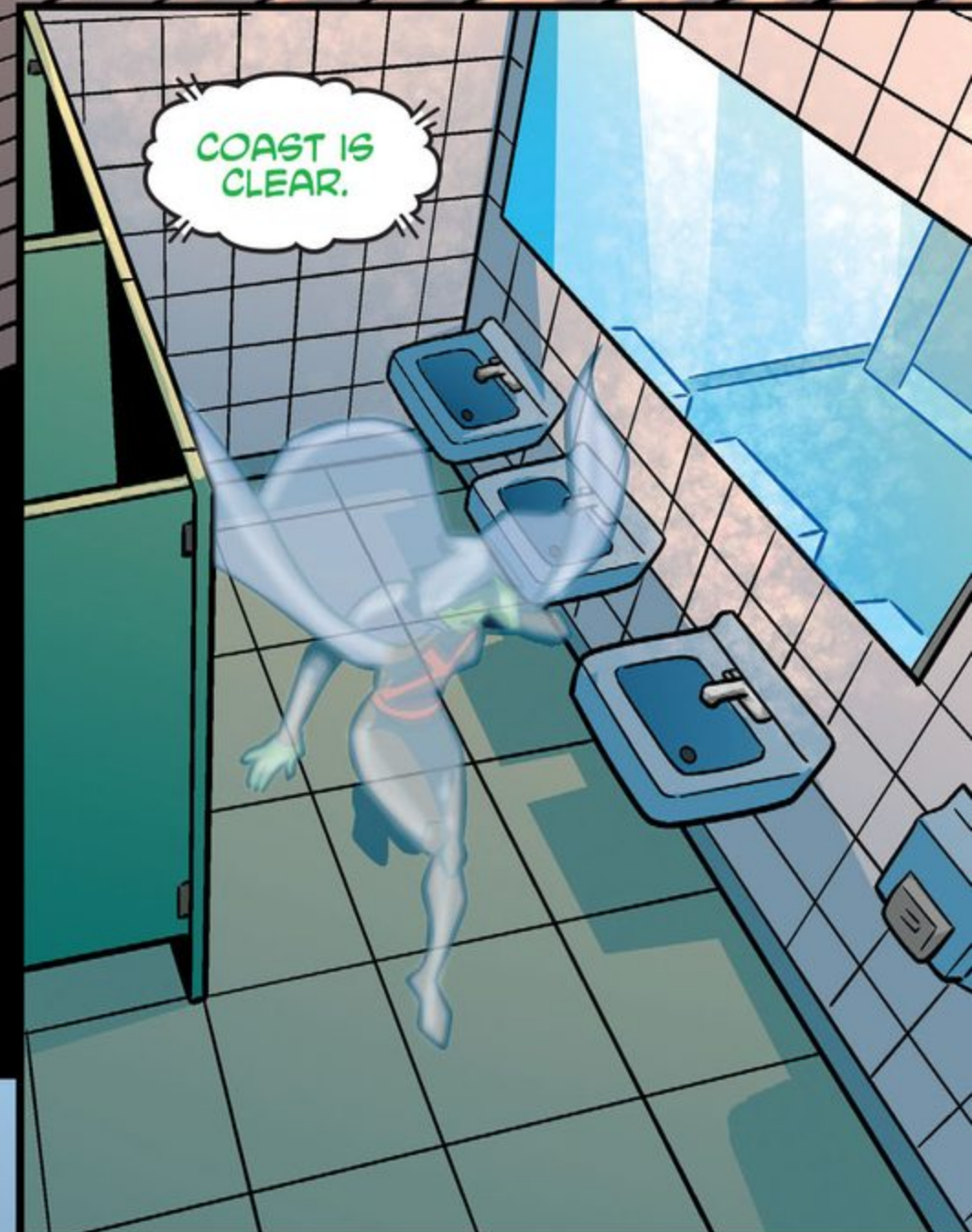
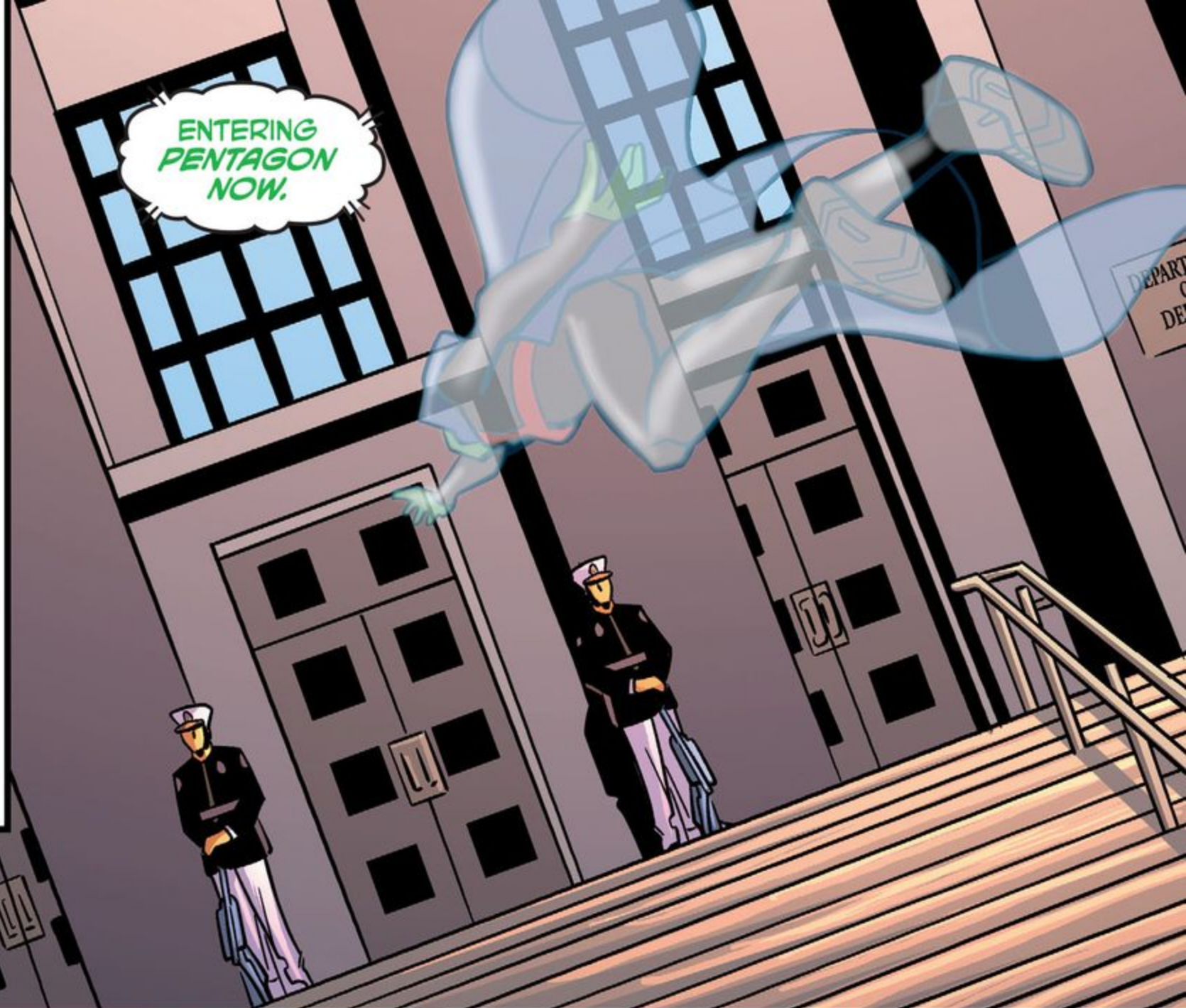
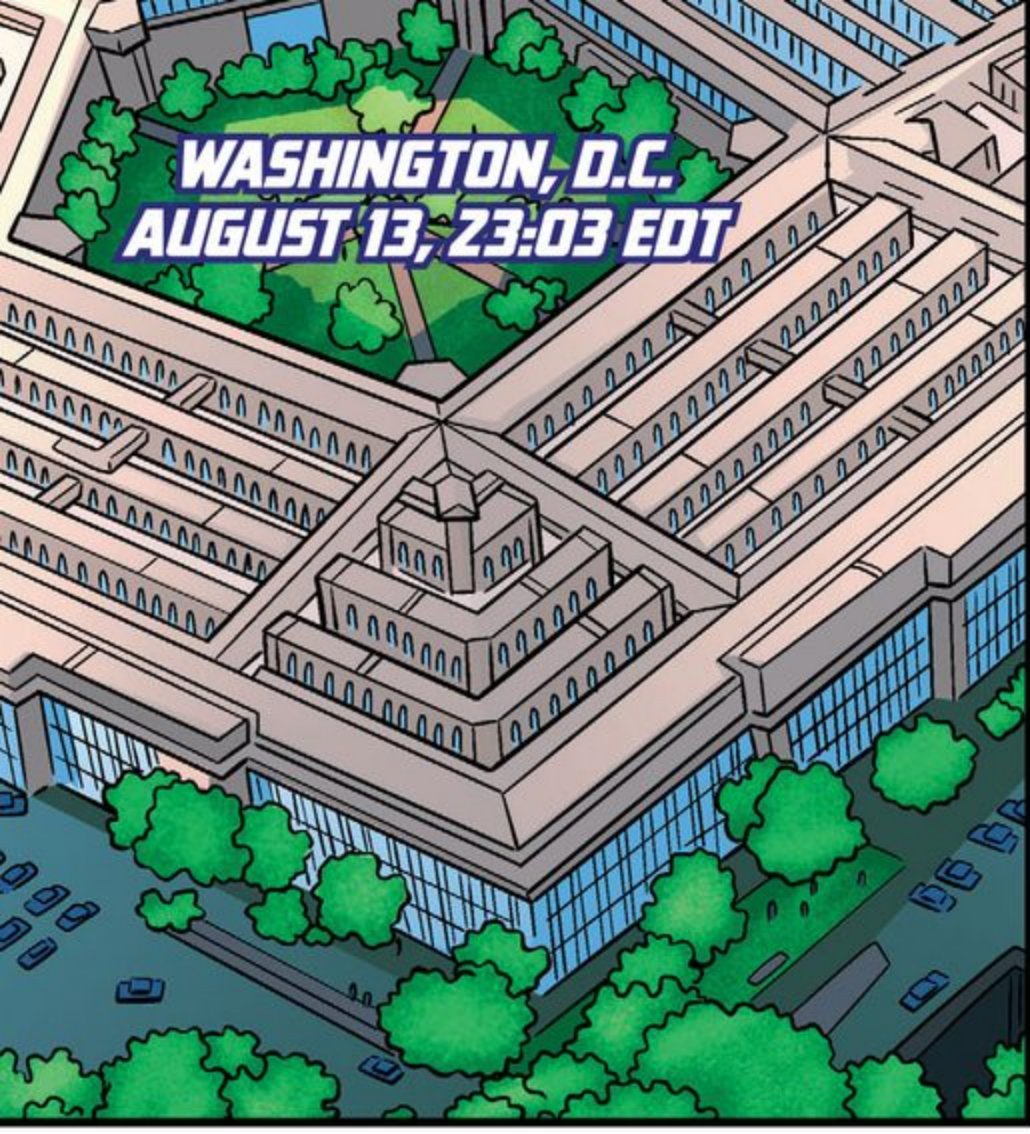
CAPTAIN ATOM,
TEAM INSTRUCTOR.

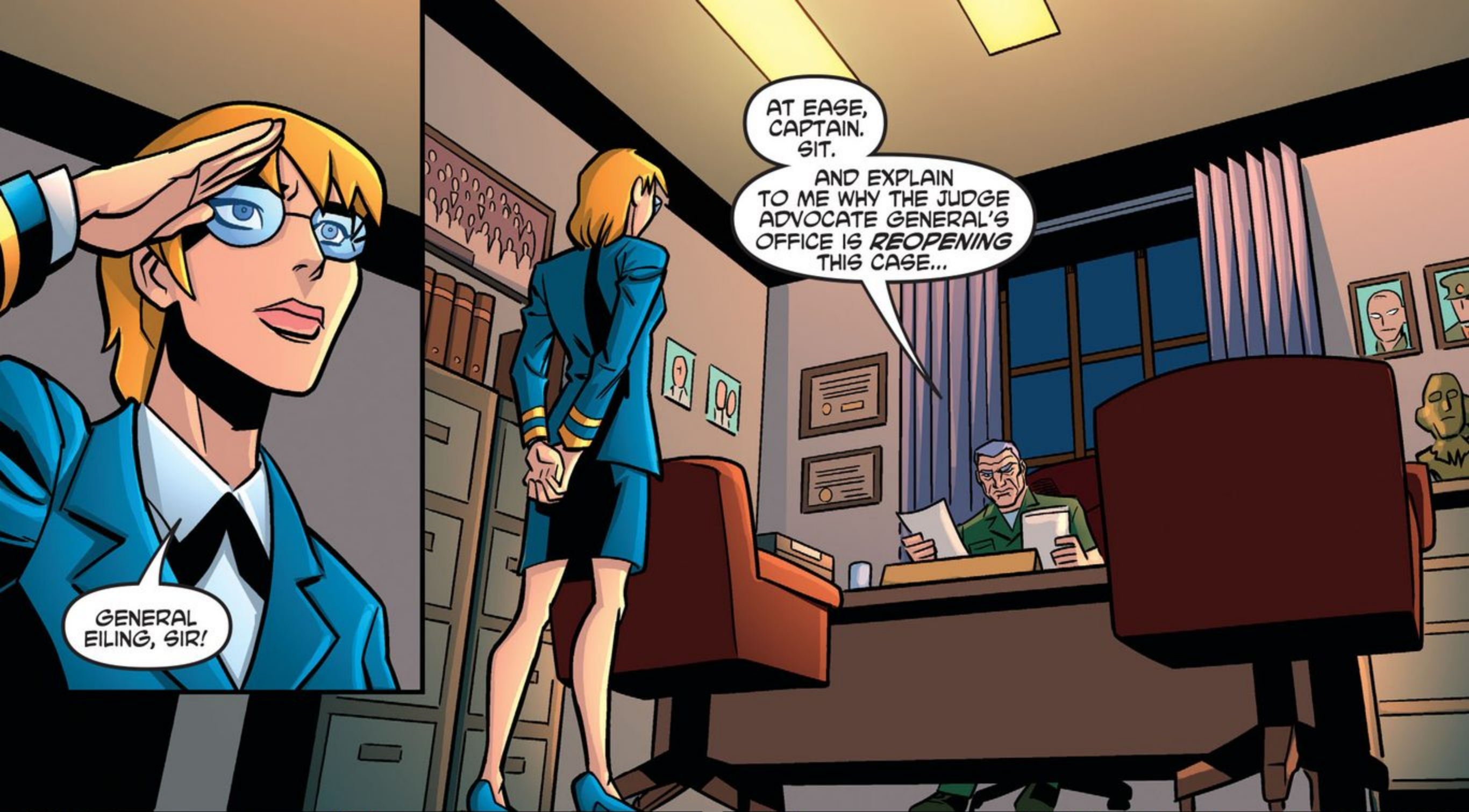
THE
TEAM.

COLD CASE

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GENERAL
EILING, SIR!

AT EASE,
CAPTAIN.
SIT.
AND EXPLAIN
TO ME WHY THE JUDGE
ADVOCATE GENERAL'S
OFFICE IS *REOPENING*
THIS CASE...



RESPECTFULLY,
I AM NOT AT
LIBERTY TO DO
THAT, SIR.

YOU WERE THE
JUDGE AT ADAMS'
COURT MARTIAL,
WHICH MAKES YOU
A POTENTIAL
WITNESS--



WITNESS
TO WHAT?
THE ADAMS
CASE WAS OPEN
AND SHUT.



WHY DON'T
YOU JUST TELL ME
WHAT YOU REMEMBER,
GENERAL?



FINE. CAPTAIN
NATE ADAMS
WAS YOUR CLASSIC
MALCONTENT...



WE WERE BARELY
ACQUAINTED BEFORE
THE INCIDENT.

IN FACT, I
WAS **BETTER**
ACQUAINTED WITH
HIS **VICTIM...**

"ADAMS BLAMED
LEMAR FOR A **VIET
CONG AMBUSH...**"

"...AS IF **ANY** OFFICER
WOULD **INTENTIONALLY**
GET HIS OWN
MEN KILLED."

"BUT ADAMS WOULD
NOT LISTEN TO
REASON..."

"HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE
ACT BY AN M.P. **SERGEANT
POLK**, I THINK HIS
NAME WAS..."

"I WAS A **COLONEL**
WHEN I DREW
THE CASE."

"I FOUND ADAMS **GUILTY**
AND SENTENCED HIM TO
LIFE IN PRISON."

TURNED
OUT TO BE
A SHORT
SENTENCE.

ADAMS TOOK
HIS OWN LIFE
BEFORE A YEAR
WAS OUT...



LAS VEGAS
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YOU WERE NATHANIEL ADAMS' DEFENSE COUNSEL?

HIS FRIEND TOO. SERVED TOGETHER IN 'NAM. THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF HILL 409.

"NATE WORKED AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE."

"HE SUSPECTED A WEAPONS SMUGGLING RING AND CONFIDED AS MUCH TO GENERAL LEMAR."

"LEMAR CLAIMED TO HAVE HEARD RUMORS TOO. ORDERED NATE TO TAKE A SQUAD TO HILL 409."

"IT WAS AN AMBUSH."

"NATE SAVED MY LIFE. THE REST OF NATE'S MEN WEREN'T SO LUCKY."

"NATE BECAME CONVINCED LEMAR WAS PART OF THE SMUGGLING RING AND HAD SENT US INTO AMBUSH."

"I TRIED TO TALK HIM OUT OF IT..."

"...BUT NATE INSISTED ON CONFRONTING LEMAR..."

"LATER, NATE WOULD INSIST HE HAD BEEN DRUGGED. AND I BELIEVED HIM."

"...ONLY TO BLACK OUT MOMENTS LATER."

CUZ THERE'S NO WAY THE NATHANIEL ADAMS I KNEW WOULD MURDER A MAN IN COLD BLOOD!"



"I TOOK
ON NATE'S
DEFENSE..."

"... BUT THE
PROSECUTOR,
LIEUTENANT KEVIN
BLANKLY..."

"... PROVED NATE'S
SERVICE KNIFE WAS
THE MURDER
WEAPON."

"AND THE MEDICAL
EXAMINER, MAJOR
SHIRLEY MASON..."

"... TESTIFIED THERE
WERE NO DRUGS IN
NATE'S SYSTEM."

"SO THE JUDGE FOUND NATE
GUILTY AND SENTENCED HIM
TO LIFE IN PRISON..."

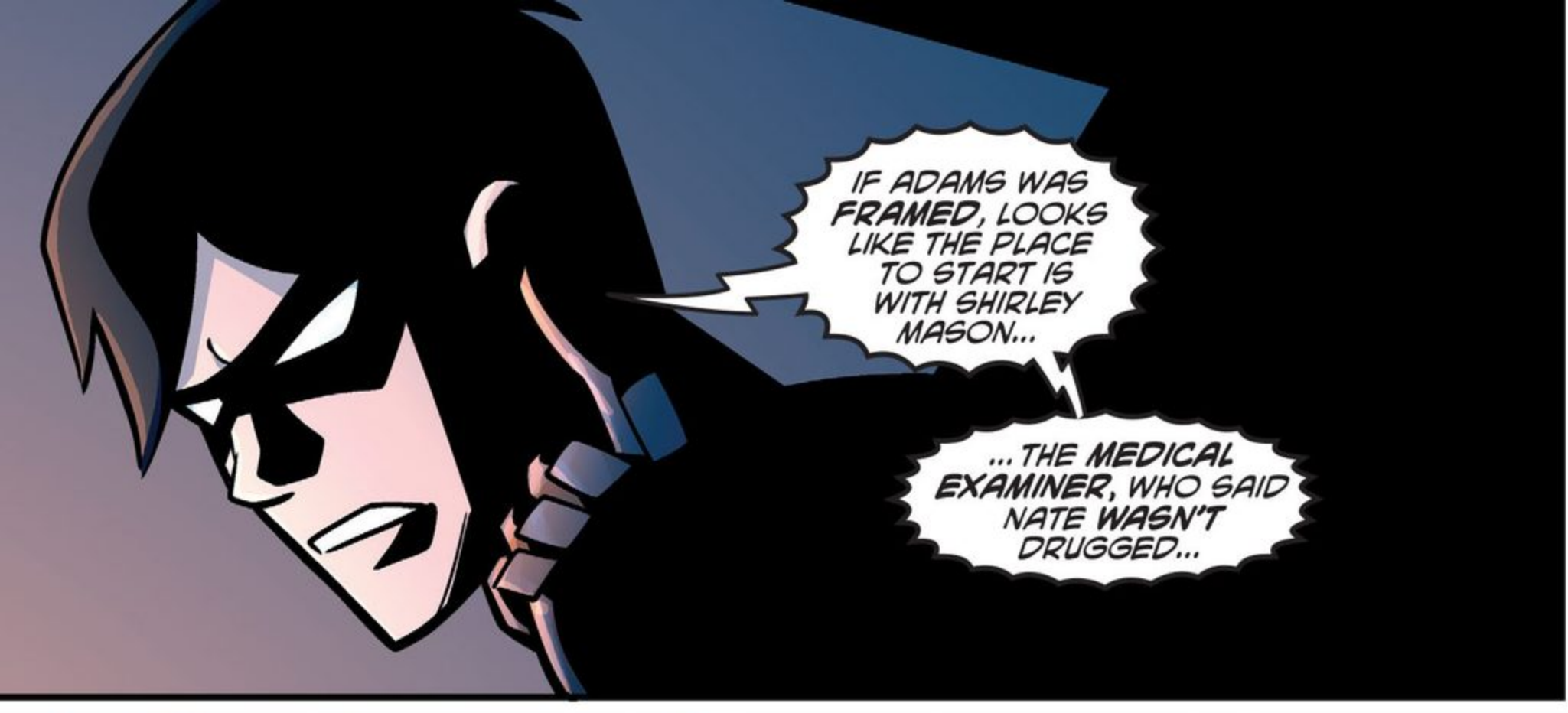


"... AND THAT'S
WHERE NATE
DIED."

BUT GET THIS...
THAT JUDGE, COLONEL
WADE EILING..."

"... HE MARRIED
NATE'S WIDOW AND
RAISED NATE'S
TWO KIDS AS
HIS OWN!"

TELL ME
THAT DOESN'T
STINK TO HIGH
HEAVEN!



IF ADAMS WAS
FRAMED, LOOKS
LIKE THE PLACE
TO START IS
WITH SHIRLEY
MASON...

...THE MEDICAL
EXAMINER, WHO SAID
NATE WASN'T
DRUGGED...



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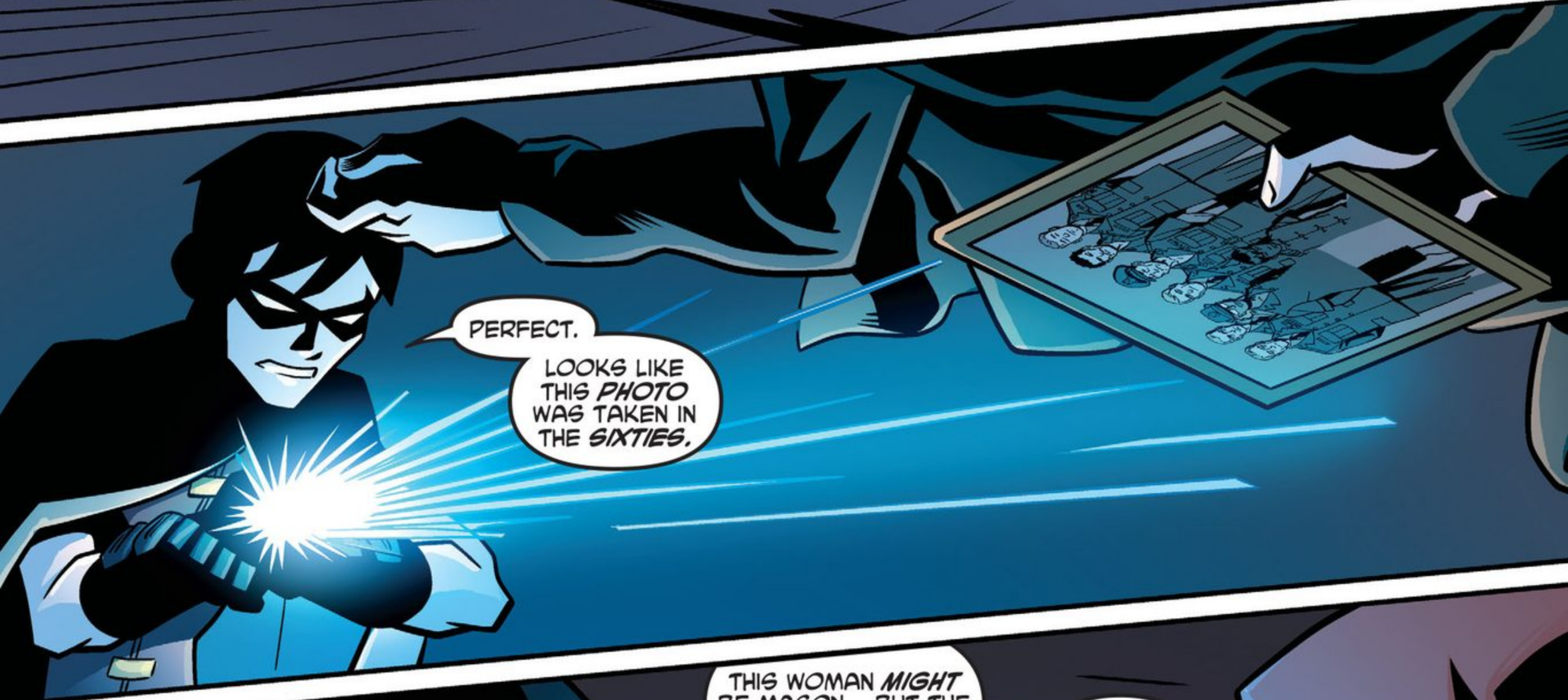
LOOKS LIKE
THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
NEEDS A MEDICAL
EXAMINER.

SHE'S GOT
SOMETHING
IN HER
HAND.

I DON'T WANT
TO DISTURB THE
CRIME SCENE, BUT
WE NEED TO SEE
WHAT IT IS.



HOW'S THIS?



PERFECT.

LOOKS LIKE THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN IN THE SIXTIES.



THIS WOMAN *MIGHT* BE MASON... BUT THE SIXTIES WERE A LONG TIME AGO.

THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE.



HONOLULU
AUGUST 13, 19:06 HST

THANK YOU
AGAIN FOR
MEETING
WITH US.

I'M ONLY HERE
FOR MY *SISTER*
PEGGY'S
SAKE.

NATE ADAMS
IS *NOT* A TOPIC I'D
EVER CHOOSE TO
DISCUSS.

RANDY, YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT
OUR FATHER!

OW

WADE EILING IS
OUR FATHER. HE
RAISED US.

ADAMS GAVE UP ANY
PARENTAL RIGHTS THE
DAY HE *BETRAYED* OUR
COUNTRY AND *MURDERED*
HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER.

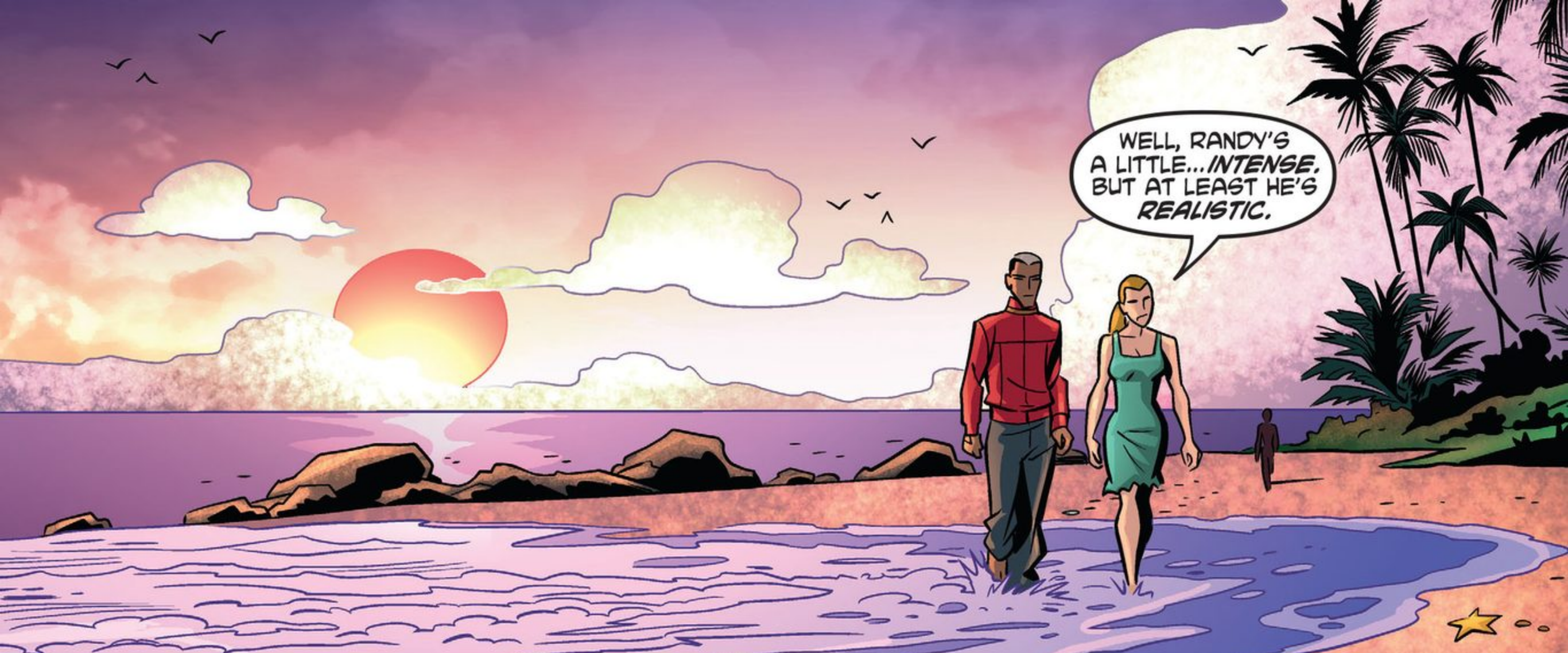
OUR
MOTHER
NEVER
THOUGHT
HE WAS
GUILTY!

AND I
DON'T BELIEVE
IT EITHER!

I LOVE YOU,
SIS, BUT YOUR
OPINION DOESN'T
COUNT...

...DAD DIED
IN PRISON
BEFORE YOU
WERE BORN!

HAH! YOU
JUST CALLED
HIM "DAD."



WELL, RANDY'S A LITTLE...INTENSE, BUT AT LEAST HE'S REALISTIC.



BIOLOGY HARDLY GUARANTEES PARENTAL SKILLS-OR EVEN BASIC HONESTY.



NATHANIEL ADAMS MAY BE GUILTY AS CHARGED.

KALDUR? KALDUR?!



APOLOGIES, ARTEMIS. MY THOUGHTS WERE IN ATLANTIS WITH-

YOUR OWN PARENTS? WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?



MY MOTHER, SHA'LAIN'A, IS A NATIVE OF THE ATLANTEAN CITY-STATE OF SHAYERIS.

HER SKIN IS NEARLY AS GOLDEN AS HER HAIR...

...AND HER GILLS ARE QUITE LARGE AND GORGEOUS.



MY FATHER, CALVIN DURHAM, IS A SURFACE-WORLDER LIKE YOU...

...GENETICALLY ALTERED BY BLACK MANTA TO INFILTRATE ATLANTIS AS A WATER-BREATHER.

YOUR DAD WORKS FOR BLACK MANTA?!!



HE DID. BUT HIS LOVE FOR MY MOTHER CAUSED HIM TO SWITCH SIDES.

SO PERHAPS WE SHOULD RESERVE JUDGMENT ON CAPTAIN ADAMS UNTIL ALL THE FACTS ARE IN...

ANNAPOLIS
AUGUST 14, 00:32 EDT



I KNOW MY GRASP
OF EARTH *HISTORY* IS
BASED LARGELY ON
EARTH *SITCOMS*...

BUT WHY WOULD A
NORTH VIETNAMESE
GENERAL BE IN A 1968
PHOTOGRAPH WITH U.S.
PERSONNEL?

GOOD
QUESTION.

THIS *GENERAL*
TRANG WAS THE
FIRST PERSON MY
FACIAL RECOGNITION
SOFTWARE
IDENTIFIED--

--BUT THAT DOESN'T
EXPLAIN HOW TRANG
WOULD UP LIVING IN A
MEGA-MANSION IN
THE STATES.

THAT TAKES
MONEY AND
CONNECTIONS...

TWO THINGS
PARTICIPATION IN AN
ILLEGAL *SMUGGLING*
RING MIGHT
PROVIDE...

SO MAYBE
ADAMS WAS
RIGHT!

WAIT A
SECOND! TRANG'S
NOT ALONE IN
THERE!

SOMEONE'S WITH
HIM. SOMEONE
WITH A *SWORD*!



SHIRLEY MASON WAS KILLED BY A SWORD!

THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?!

LET'S GET HIM!

NO. THIS IS A COVERT OP. WE KEEP TO THE SHADOWS. WE DON'T TAKE THE OFFENSIVE.

LIKE IN CAPTAIN ATOM'S LECTURE.

DUDE, YOU WERE LISTENING?

I KNOW WHY YOU ARE HERE.

I STILL HAVE MY SOURCES.

I KNOW ABOUT MASON. AND I KNOW YOUR WORK.



BUT I AM
DISAPPOINTED,
RAKO.

I HAVE
PROTECTED YOU
SINCE YOU WERE A
CHILD. HAVE YOU
NO LOYALTY?

I DO.
JUST NOT
TO YOU.



A NEW
SECURITY
SYSTEM,
GENERAL?



MOST
IMPRESSIVE.





TO BE CONTINUED...